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SUBJECT: NPT REVCON: GUIDANCE ON TEST BAN (ARTICLE VI)

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1. WE FULLY SHARE VIEW REFTEL THAT FAILURE TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS ON FINAL CONFERENCE OUTCOME SUPPORTIVE OF TREATY WOULD HAVE SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS FOR NPT. ON OTHER HAND, AS ALSO INDICATED REFTEL, WE CANNOT RPT NOT A"CEPT DECLARATION CONTAINING LANGUAGE THAT IMPLIES WE SHOULD SUSPEND TESTING THROUGH AGREED MORATORIUM OR ON ANY OTHER BASIS SHORT OF ADEQUATELY VERIFIABLE CTB, NOR CAN WE ACCEPT LANGUAGE IMPLYING OBLIGATION TO ACHIEVE CTB WITHIN TIME LIMIT. WE CAN, HOWEVER, BE SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBLE ON OTHER ISSUES RAISED REFTEL IN INTEREST OF ACHIEVING CONSENSUS, PROVIDED RESULTING LANGUAGE CONTAINS NO IMPLICATION THAT US HAS ALTERED LONGSTANDING POSITION REGARDING CTB.

2. WITH RESPECT TO CTB ISSUE, DELEGATION SHOULD PRESS FOR AGREEMENT ALONG LINES INDICATED IN OPTION 3 OF PARA 9 REFTEL (LANGUAGE URGING THE THREE DEPOSITARY STATES TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES ON THIS ISSUE). SPECIFICALLY, DELEGATION IS AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT FOLLOWING LANGUAGE,

WHICH INCORPORATES SOME SUGGESTED REVISIONS OF PARA 4 OF LATEST CANADIAN DRAFT (GENEVA 3857). UNDERLINED PORTIONS OF TEXT INCORPORATE NEW LANGUAGE. BEGIN QUOTE. THE CONFERENCE REAFFIRMS THE DETERMINATION OF PARTIES TO ACHIEVE THE DISCONTINUANCE OF ALL TEST EXPLOSIONS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR ALL TIME. BELIEVING THAT ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR STRENGTHENING THE PURPOSE OF THE TREATY WOULD BE THE CESSATION OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS, THE CONFERENCE URGES THE DEPOSITARY POWERS BEGIN UNDERLINE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT END UNDERLINE TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES ON THIS ISSUE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE SO THAT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE TOWARDS THE PERMANENT CONFIDENTIAL

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CESSATION OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS BEGIN UNDERLINE ON THE BASIS OF AN EFFECTIVE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN THAT SOLVES THE PROBLEM OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. PENDING CONCLUSION OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT THE CONFERENCE URGES DEPOSITARY POWERS TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF THEIR UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS TO A MINIMUM. END UNDERLINE. END QUOTE.

3. WE HAVE REINSERTED REFERENCE TO "AN EFFECTIVE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN" IN SECOND SENTENCE OF ABOVE TEXT IN ORDER TO PRESERVE US POSITION THAT ANY SUCH BAN MUST BE ADEQUATELY VERIFIED. MOREOVER, WE DESIRE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO PNE'S TO PROTECT OUR POSITION ON THAT ISSUE. DELEGATION WILL ALSO NOTE THAT WE PROPOSE REVISION OF

FINAL SENTENCE OF CANADIAN TEXT, WHICH CALLS UPON NWS PARTIES TO THE THRESHHOLD TEST BAN TREATY "MEANWHILE TO FULFILL THEIR AGREEMENT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS TO A MINIMUM." WE FIND EXISTING CANADIAN SENTENCE AWKWARD IN THAT IT REFERS TO PARTIES TO AN "AGREEMENT" THAT HAS NOT COME INTO EFFECT. OPTICALLY, AT LEAST, THE LANGUAGE CALLING UPON NWS PARTIES TO "FULFILL THEIR AGREEMENT" IS GRATUITOUS AND COULD BE CONSTRUED AS SUGGESTING THAT CONFERENCE DOUBTS THEIR GOOD FAITH. WE BELIEVE OUR SUGGESTED REVISION AVOIDS THESE DRAFTING DIFFICULTIES WITHOUT ANY LOSS IN SUBSTANCE ON POINT CANADIANS WISH TO MAKE. FINALLY, DELEGATION SHOULD OF COURSE CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR DELETION OF BRACKETED SENTENCE IN CANADIAN TEXT DEALING WITH SUSPENSION OF TESTING.

4. WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSALS AIMED AT A SUSPENSION OF UNDERGROUND TESTING, DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN DELEGATIONS RECOMMENDATION THAT IT PURSUE OPTION B IN PARA 10 REFTTEL-- I.E., THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM ANY CONSENSUS DOCUMENT, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT IT MAY BE TREATED IN A SEPARATE DOCUMENT NOTING SUCH PROPOSALS WERE MADE BY SOME DELEGATIONS; HOWEVER, FORM AND TEXTUAL CONTENT OF SUCH

SEPARATE TREATMENT MUST BE SATISFACTORY BEFORE THE US WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE CONSENT TO FINAL DECLARATION. INGERSOLL

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